



# PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL N E W S L E T T E R

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### Dates to Remember:

- Feb 7 – Stonepark Late FI Parent Meeting 6 pm
- Feb 8 – Stonepark Band concert and Late FI student information session 10 am
- Feb 10- Happy Lunar New Year
- Feb 12-16 - Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb 14 – Heart Art show and sale
- Feb 16 - Winter Wellness Day
- Feb 19 - Islander Day (no classes)
- Feb 21 – Orwell Corner field trip – Gr 1 & 4
- Feb 22 – Orwell Corner field trip – Gr 2 & 3
- Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day and Hall of Fame Assembly
- March 7 – Report cards go home
- March 8 - Parent teacher interviews (no classes)
- March 22-28 – Mid term break (no classes)
- March 29 – Good Friday (no classes)

### General Information

**Absences** If students are going to be absent, please notify the main office by phone at (902) 368-6945 or email Jackie at [jmlund@edu.pe.ca](mailto:jmlund@edu.pe.ca) as well as your child’s teacher.

Our attendance has dipped in January, down to 92%, which due to cold and flu season is expected. While 8% may not seem like a big deal remember that missing 10% would be 18 days, or almost 4 weeks of school!

190 days in school	10 days absent	19 days absent (almost 4 weeks missed)	29 days absent (about half a term missed)	38 days absent (8 weeks missed)	47 days absent (Almost 10 weeks missed – over a quarter of the school year)
180 days in school	171 days in school	161 days in school	152 days in school	143 days in school	
100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
Excellent record	Good record	Needs to improve	Cause for concern	Poor	Very poor
Gives the best possible opportunity for success! You are likely to achieve your potential and meet or exceed your targets! Well done!		Gives less chance of success. You are less likely to achieve your potential and meet your targets.		Much less chance of success. You are unlikely to achieve your potential and meet your targets.	

### Communication

Please bookmark our website. <https://parkdale.edu.pe.ca> and check your emails regularly. We send weekly updates and a newsletter at the start of each month. You can also sign up for your child’s **Class DOJO**. A private group for sharing exciting learning updates.

**Food Program** Hotlunch orders and payments must be in by 9 am on Mondays (if Monday is a holiday they are due on Tuesday) Please Note: If there is NO school on Fridays we will have pizza day on Wednesdays. Families can register at [www.peischoolfood.ca](http://www.peischoolfood.ca) for the PEI School Food Program. If you have questions you can email [info@peischoolfood.org](mailto:info@peischoolfood.org).

**Winter Clothing** Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat, mitts, winter coat, boots and snowpants. The students need to be dressed appropriately every day for outside recess. We do share extra hats and mittens if your child forgets. If you do not have any at home they are welcome to keep them. If you have some but just forgot, please send them back to the school so we can wash them for others to use.

### Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

If you know of someone who hasn’t registered their child yet for Kindergarten please ask them to contact the school to register. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023.

**Stonepark Late French Immersion Parent Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the school library for parents of Grade 6 students attending Stonepark next year.

**Stonepark Band Orientation and Late French Immersion Information session** for students will be held on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (storm date Feb 9<sup>th</sup>). The Grade 9 band will perform and the band teacher will be able to share information and provide answers to frequently asked questions students usually have. A short presentation on the Late French Immersion Program will be done at the same time. Our Grade 6 students will travel by bus to Stonepark for this orientation.

**Winter Wellness Day** will be held on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Dress for some extra outdoor fun as we celebrate winter.

**Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Heart Art Sale**- Mark your calendar and save the date for Parkdale's second Heart Art Sale! Students will be fundraising for the IWK, with a small portion helping with purchasing additional art supplies for classrooms. Students are creating art pieces in class and encouraged to make crafts and art at home as well, to sell during our sale. Parents are invited to come to the Heart Art Sale on *Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30*. If you cannot attend, please send in a donation with your child and they will select their own work, or a piece that speaks to their heart! Thank you in advance for supporting our cause! Students can also dress in pink, red, white, and purple as they celebrate Valentine's day and exchange cards.

**No Classes** on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Islander Day.

**Pink Shirt Day** will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all students and staff to wear a pink shirt in honour of anti-bullying day.

**Orwell Corner Field Trip** for students in Grade 1 and 4 will be held on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for students in Grade 2 and 3. Students will leave the school at 9 am and return at 2:30 pm. Parent information letter and permission forms will be sent home.

### **Home & School News**

Thank you to everybody who participated in our 50/50 draw in December, with your help we were able to raise \$225.00!

Thank you to Ms. Jo Cullen for presenting about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) during our last Home & School meeting, it was very informative!

The next Home and School event will be a **Grade 4-6 Kids vs Parents Night** happening at the school gym on **February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM!** More details to follow!

Lastly, the activities for Staff Appreciation Week have been decided, information about them will be sent out in a separate email. We appreciate all the support!

### **Papa John's Fundraiser/Discount Code**

Papa John's have offered us a school fundraiser/discount. If any staff, friends or families order from them and use the code EAGLE, It will give a 25% discount on menu-priced items ordered online on their website or mobile app.

### **Extracurricular Activities:**

Did you know that our students have access to many extracurricular activities through the week? Many of these activities are geared to Gr 3-6, as we want our littlest students to get that outdoor play. Currently students can choose from Drawing Club, Chess Club, Choir, Rock Band, and Sports Intramurals.

### **February Celebrations**

**Happy Lunar New Year** to many of our families at Parkdale! Lunar New Year is an annual celebration of new beginnings, happiness and joy. It is one of the most important festivals in Chinese culture and is celebrated by millions of people around the world. Some of the traditions include dragon dances, sharing gifts in red envelopes, and it often ends with a lantern festival.

February is also **Black History Month**. During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

### **Social Emotional Learning**

**Modeling Kindness:** Kindness for others is an important Social Emotional Learning skill that helps support the development of healthy peer relationships. When we are kind towards others they are more likely to show us kindness when we need it. The best way to support the growth of kindness in our children is to model it in situations when we have an opportunity to show it towards others, and it starts with curiosity over judgment. When we see a person make a choice that we feel is a poor one we can react with judgment and name call, or we can act with curiosity and question the motivation for their choices. For example, if someone cuts you off in traffic, your first instinct and reaction may be to make a harsh judgment toward the person which can spike feelings of anger within you. Curiosity in that case might sound like, "I wonder if that person has a lot on their mind and is having trouble paying attention to the other drivers on the road? Maybe they had a really hard day." No one changes a behaviour because someone name-called or judged them harshly. Behaviour changes when a child has experience of real life examples of showing kindness.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Winter Indoor Soccer Programs** - Delta Soccer is offering winter indoor programs that will run between February 18<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Programs consist of six, 1-hour sessions and there are options for participants born between 2011 and 2020. For program descriptions, schedules and to register go to [deltasoccer.ca](http://deltasoccer.ca).